

NZ INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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EXTRACTS FROM NZIB PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

NZIB have continued to support our development officers, Michelle Watt and Craig Whiteside, as they make every attempt to get our sport out into the schools and other facilities in their respective areas. This has not been an easy task because they need to have the help and player support of the districts involved. In some instances this has not been immediately forthcoming.

Another area where this is also becoming difficult is getting the support of our districts as we look for areas to host our National events. The expense of using some of the provincial airports is putting more pressure on districts close to Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch airports. A discussion paper at the AGM will look at some suggested changes to our National events, with hopefully some cost savings.

It was a hope of mine that on being elected to this Executive in 2006, I would see a slowdown in the loss of player numbers. This has not happened and over this 8 year time frame there has been a 35% decline in affiliated players.

There are still close to 500 clubs in New Zealand and it is immeasurable the time that each of their office holders give to our sport and it is a shame that their efforts cannot be rewarded with more affiliated bowlers.

Once again I offer my thanks to the current executive, Barry Chapman, David Lynn, Bevan Matthews, Nigel Warnes and Past Presidents, David Edgar and Trevor Rayner. Their collective knowledge of our sport and its history is to be commended. It can be frustrating at times, but in general very rewarding.

I note that after 12 months service, Umpires' representative Bevan Matthews name will be missing from the National Executive; however on a positive note it is good for the sport that an election will be held during the Annual meeting to fill the 2 vacant positions. The current Executive Members are all available for re-election along with 3 further nominations from the South Island. They are Paul Eden (Canterbury) Michael Lawson (Ashburton) and Graham Low (Southland).

This 2014 Annual General meeting concludes my 2 year Presidency and 8 years on the National body. For our sport the next decade will be very challenging, and I am sure it will bring some interesting changes.

Good luck for the future.

Martin Nordqvist, Methven.



START PLANNING FOR 2015 NOW

With the NZIB Annual General Meeting less than a month away, it is time to think seriously about Development for 2015. I will be at the AGM and will be asking the question of Districts, as to whether or not you want to grow the game through the current development module. I have made good contacts recently with Sports Trusts in the Auckland area and will be returning there for a considerable time next year to establish a programme.

2014 has shown an enthusiastic response from Regional Sports Trusts and schools, but for this programme to succeed we need the "buy in" from indoor bowls Districts. We cannot afford to throw this concept in the "too hard" basket any longer as clubs are still diminishing.

I have purchased a 2015 Diary and will work on filling it from now on. We will be spending longer periods in participating Districts to ensure that the programme will continue. So if you are a delegate and you don't know what stance your District wants to take then please find out before 6th December. Come to the meeting prepared to fill my diary because you may not have the option 12 months down the line.

Craig Whiteside

NZIB's Development Manager



It's that time of the year when clubs hold their prize-giving ceremonies and annual general meetings. Some clubs will have no trouble getting officers and committees for the coming year. Others will struggle. As always there are workers and drones. But the sport of Indoor Bowls is in such a precarious position that it's a case of all hands on deck. So when your club or association holds its annual meeting don't sit in the back row and stay out of sight. Be prepared to put your hand up to help. Now is the time to give some thought to what you can do at the start of 2015. Have you lined anybody up as a potential new member? Remember they will need help and encouragement when they start playing. Make sure there's a friendly welcoming environment at the club. It's not a chore – it's fun. Remember when you started playing indoor bowls it probably was a vibrant club and a good fun social night out... is your club still like that now?



NOT MANY INTERNATIONAL FIXTURES HAVE NO ENTRY FEE

Next year sees the Mat Blacks defend the trans-Tasman Trophy from our mates across the ditch. Many of you will never have seen an international indoor bowls contest, so now's your chance. Tauranga is a great venue for a long weekend away. Why not make it your destination to go and see our national team in its only international fixture. It takes place at Mount Maunganui from Thursday the 14th to Saturday the 16th of May. Playing against Australia is not just for the players to enjoy, everyone in indoor bowls can become part of the occasion.



A trial on the International Mats to select the NZ team which will consist of 7 men and 7 women was held at the North Wellington Indoor Bowls Hall recently and will be announced at the Annual General Meeting next month. Good luck to all the Trialists. We all know about wounded Australians and you can guarantee they will be keen to win back the Henselite Trophy after their rather dismal showing in Queensland last year.

YES VACUUM CLEANERS CAN BE USED

Not just at your home but also cleaning your Club's indoor bowls mats. Thank you to the many bowlers who responded to the query in the last newsletter. It seems they are definitely the best and easiest way to clean mats especially ones with a roller brush in the head and in no way affect the pile.

If you're from the South Island, and watching the trans-Tasman contest is not an option, what about making plans to go to the Nationals in Timaru. Don't think you're good enough to take part? Never mind, go and watch. That's one way to get better. See how the champs do it. We guarantee you'll enjoy it. Mark the dates 6-13 June in your diary now.



Tournament Control at the first National Championships in 1950



GOOD TO SEE THIS POPULAR EVENT CONTINUING

The annual Event between Cook Is, Maori & Seaside was played in Hamilton recently. Maori won with 117 pts; Seaside 89 pts; Cook Islands 61 pts. This is the 12th year Seaside has played Cook Is & 9th with Maori. Seaside will celebrate 20yrs @ Nationals in Timaru next year.



NZIB OLD RECORDS TAKEN AWAY FOR PERMANENT STORAGE

Over the years all of NZIB's records have been kept in a variety of garages and offices and it was decided they were far too valuable to deteriorate with age. The Alexandra Turnbull Library were approached and after an inspection visit agreed to take them all away and include them in their permanent storage. It will take them some time to go through all the records but after this process all the treasured material will all be categorised and available for public viewing for those interested.



Alexandra Turnbull Librarians Catherine Bisley and Diane Woods boxing up old NZIB Records

What a find - Hard covered bound Laws of Indoor Bowls in braille



NEW WEBMASTER

After establishing NZIB's website and being webmaster for 12 years, Jock Jamieson is moving on to new challenges. All indoor bowlers are indebted to Jock for the hours he has spent always keeping the website up to date and fresh looking. I know he has thoroughly enjoyed presenting the progress of national events over this time and we wish him well. NZIB is delighted well known Indoor Bowler Paul Voorend from North Wellington who was a member of this year's successful North Wellington Welch Trophy winning team has accepted the position. Paul has the experience necessary for this role of webmaster and is keen to put something back into the sport he enjoys.

Paul has a strong desire to improve Social Media connections between NZIB, and it's players and followers which will be popular with many of you. He will be creating a Twitter account for the NZIB, which will be used for Instant, short updates, quick messages & can also be used for score updates at major tournaments (Nationals, Islands etc).

Sound good?.... Keep visiting the www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz and notice the changes as they happen. If you have any ideas on improvements just let Paul know on webmaster@nzindoorbowls.co.nz

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